

***Response to Supplemental Appeal Brief***

The supplemental appeal brief filed on July 11, 2007 in response to the notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief (37 C.F.R. § 41.37) has been noted and is a fully complete response within the time period to response and does not affect the subject matter in the examiner's answer and it continues. Therefore it has been forwarded to the Board of Appeal. Furthermore an attached copy of the Information disclosure statement filed on January 10, 2006 has been reviewed and dated.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOHN F. RAMIREZ whose telephone number is (571)272-8685. The examiner can normally be reached on (Mon-Fri) 7:00 - 3:30 p.m.

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